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TEMPERANCE ORGANIZATION.

Local Division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance.

As announced in THE NEWS two weeks ago a meeting was held in the Improvement Club hall last Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing a local division of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance.

Eleven who had placed their names on the list for charter membership, responded to the summons and when the meeting was called to order, Mr. A. Lamont, of White City, district organizer, stated the object of the association, and explained thoroughly the workings and accomplishments of the order. The pledge was read and all those present signed it.

An organization was effected and the following officers were elected: Miss Myrtle Killer, Worthy Patriarch, P. C. Eldred, Worthy Associate, Mrs. Durkee, Recording Scribe, R. E. Mims Jr., Financial Scribe, Mrs. M. McCollum, Treasurer.

The division will meet again this evening at the Club hall, where all details of the organization will be completed, and regular meeting time and place will be named.

Those who signed the pledge at the meeting last week were, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. Durkee, Mrs. E. Alderman, Mrs. M. McCollum, Miss Myrtle Killer, P. C. Eldred, J. A. Franklin, R. E. Mims, Jr., W. J. George.

Mr. Lamont has been working hard for several weeks past to establish a division of this institution here and it is hoped all those who have expressed a willingness to join will be present at the meeting tonight. This is not an organization exclusively for Fort Pierce, but the whole of St. Lucie county is invited to join in the movement. The results for good that can be accomplished by such an order is entirely dependent on the interest and enthusiasm displayed by its members and now the work is started every friend of temperance and sobriety should rally to its support and swell the membership.

At the meeting this evening the constitution, by-laws, pledge and the workings of the order will be explained to those who were not present at the first meeting and THE NEWS hopes to report a big attendance and an enthusiastic gathering.

Thanksgiving Entertainment.

An interesting program has been prepared by the ladies of the Improvement Club for Thanksgiving night, at their hall in Fort Pierce, consisting of music, singing and recitations, and concluding with a mirth-producing farce by well known local talent. The entertainment will begin at eight o'clock. Reserved seats, 35 cents; general admission, 25 cents. Seats will be on sale at the Fort Pierce drug store. The following program merits a full attendance:

1. Overture—Fort Pierce Band.
2. Vocal solo—Mrs. Wm. Pomeroy.
3. Reading—Mrs. A. K. Wilson.
4. Violin obligato—Wm. Pomeroy.
5. Reading—Miss Sydnor Davenport.
6. Mandolin duet—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pomeroy.
7. One act farce, entitled "Box and Cox."
- "Mrs. Bouncer"—Mrs. A. K. Wilson.
- "Mr. Box"—George T. Backus.
- "Mr. Cox"—W. E. Tylander.

Visiting the State Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Justice, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoofnagle, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Goodwin, Mrs. C. H. Lord and Miss Bessie Backus, all of whom live on the Indian River, just south of Fort Pierce, in the famous Pineapple Belt, arrived in the city Thursday and will remain until next week, visiting the fair and seeing the sights in this section.

All are prominent pineapple growers and heavy shippers, the present season being one of the best they have ever experienced. They are delighted with Tampa and what they have seen of the fair. Today they are enjoying a trip on the handsome steamer Favorite and a visit to St. Petersburg.

W. C. Rawlinson, a prominent pineapple grower of Eldred, on the Indian River, is a visitor to the fair.—Tampa Evening News.

PINEAPPLE GROWERS MEET

Export Trade Thoroughly Discussed By Prominent Growers and Many Points Brought Out Advantageous to Shippers.

An enthusiastic meeting of pineapple growers was held in Fort Pierce Tuesday when the business of exporting pineapples was thoroughly discussed. The meeting was called by Walter Hawkins, representative of the Consolidated Fruit Company, at the suggestion of Jas. E. Ingraham, who is an enthusiastic pineapple grower and exporter.

Both St. Lucie and Dade counties were well represented, there being about twenty-five prominent growers from every section from Fort Pierce to Dania. The NEWS reporter noticed among those present, Jas. E. Ingraham and Walter Hawkins, prime movers in the export business; J. E. Andrews, Fort Pierce; Harry Jennings, W. H. Harris, of Tibbals; Geo. Saeger and George Saylor, Ankona; F. G. McMullen, J. H. LeTourneau, C. A. Robinson, E. A. Ireland, Eden; W. G. Gilmore, R. D. Hoke, C. S. Schuyler, Jensen; J. C. Hancock, H. S. Witham, John Taylor, Robt. McPherson, W. J. Dyer, Walter Kitching, Stuart; Wallace R. Moses, Capt. Mathams, West Palm Beach; G. A. Frost, Dania; and several others whose names we did not learn.

The meeting was called to order at eleven o'clock in the Improvement club hall, by Mr. Hawkins, who explained the object of the gathering. A temporary organization was effected by electing Jas. E. Andrews, of Fort Pierce, chairman, and Wallace R. Moses, of West Palm Beach, secretary.

Jas. E. Ingraham by request of the chairman gave an interesting history of the pineapple exports from Florida, and of his trip to England in 1905. During this trip he took up the question of marketing the East Coast pines in the British Isles, and found that there was a great demand for the fruit if it could be gotten there in good condition and at a rate whereby the masses could afford them, the only competition in that line being pines from the Azores which were sold at such prices that only the rich could afford to eat them. After many interviews and much observation he found that by getting the Florida pineapples into English market ahead of the domestic strawberries—before June 20—it would afford an excellent outlet for the surplus stock. One of the great drawbacks is the exorbitant freight rates charged by the English roads, and efforts are being made to have it reduced, which can be accomplished if they are guaranteed a sufficient amount of the fruit to haul.

Mr. Ingraham gave his experience in shipping to England and for his carload of 303 crates received over \$1,200 net. His was the first large shipment to go over and was shipped from his plantation, Boca Ratone.

All the shipments this year amounted to over 5,000 crates and were all handled by Elders & Fife, who practically control the fruit distribution in England. In view of the fact that in the past summer's export business was in the nature of an experiment and it was understood some of the shippers had not received as good returns as others, Mr. Ingraham asked for a re-

port from the British concern covering the seasons business. After dinner he read a report from the agencies of Elders & Fife at London and Liverpool, which in the main were corroborative and satisfactory, only differing on small details. Many points were gleaned from these reports and a letter from the general manager, Mr. Ackerly which will enable the shippers in the future to avoid the mistakes made during the first trial. The main points were the method of packing and marking and avoiding the strawberry season in the market there.

Mr. Hawkins gave much information connected with the transportation of the fruit and showed with what care his company handled all shipments, stating that the consignees were notified upon the shipment of each lot, and every possible precaution taken to insure rapid transit and good delivery. In spite of all this delays were made between Jacksonville and New York, thus missing the proper ship at that point, necessitating another delay, and getting the Liverpool and Southampton consignments mixed. Arrangements are being made to eliminate this and railroads promise to furnish sufficient cars to transport the fruit with despatch.

In the general discussion of the export business it was shown that while some had received very poor returns the average was good. The matter of the proper size crate was also discussed at length and it was agreed the standard size and the half size would be used as the shipper thought best.

Each grower who has shipped during the past season expressed his intention of doing so the next season if the fruit could be gathered as early as the first week in June, and others who had not been among the past season's foreign shippers will join the list, next year. It could not be determined what amount would go to foreign markets and a resolution was adopted calling a meeting of the export shippers next spring when a more definite idea could be given of how much each grower could put out for export, and when it is hoped a representative of the British firm can be present and give some suggestions in person. It was the intention of the general manager to be present at this meeting but a death in one of the departments prohibited his coming at this time. A committee of five was appointed to arrange for the meeting next spring composed of the following: C. T. McCarty, Fort Pierce, Harry Jennings, Tibbals, R. D. Hoke, Jensen, J. C. Hancock, Stuart, and Capt. Mathams, West Palm Beach, Mr. Ingraham and Mr. Hawkins with the temporary officers were also asked to work in conjunction with the committee.

By a motion the chairman was authorized to write to Elders & Fife, commending them for the manner in which they had handled the past shipment and assuring them of future shipments and hearty co-operation in the opening of an English market for pineapple. He was also authorized to notify the Florida East Coast railway

officials that foreign shipments would go forward in the future and asking for their assistance in the movement of the fruit with dispatch.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Ingraham and heartily endorsed by all that the German market be also invaded through the same firm, and to guard against losses to individual growers a pool of a thousand crates be formed and divide the expense and share the profits.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Ingraham for his efforts in behalf of the growers and to the temporary officers for their service and to the ladies of the Improvement club for the use of their hall.

The meeting adjourned to gather again in Fort Pierce next spring at the call of the committee appointed for that purpose.

Weather Signals to be Displayed.

St. Lucie county residents will be pleased to know that the weather bureau is considering the matter of a flag pole at Fort Pierce for the display of weather signals, mention of which was made in THE NEWS last week. Observer O'Brien has been assured by Director Mitchell, of Jacksonville, that the matter is being considered by Chief Moore, of Washington, and Mr. O'Brien was directed to ask for bids for furnishing such a pole of cypress, sixty-five feet high and ten feet in the ground.

A desirable location is another point to be considered and we suggest that it be put at the foot of Palmetto avenue beside the band stand where it can be seen from all points on the river more readily than at any other place. Another good feature and one which will benefit many is an arrangement that is being made with the Indian River Telephone company to have weather bulletins sent to the Fort Pierce central and communicated to all phone subscribers from here to Jensen and White City. This in addition to the flag staff will give timely warnings of the approach of storms, hurricanes or other weather changes.

Entertainment at Jensen.

The entertainment given at Jensen last Friday evening for the benefit of a Christmas tree was a success. Quite a number attended from Fort Pierce and report that every number on the program was carried out in an excellent manner, and judging from the attendance quite a neat sum was realized for the Christmas tree fund. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCarty, Mrs. C. M. Horton; Messrs. F. L. Hemmings, Percy Hendrix, Harry Thompson and A. K. Wilson, were among those from Fort Pierce and every section between here and Jensen was well represented in the audience. Harry Thompson of Fort Pierce and Jack Russell, of Eden assisted the program managers by presenting a mystifying sketch and we understand there is a prize offered to any one who can explain the "stunt."

THANKSGIVING AMUSEMENTS.

Two Baseball Games Will Create Considerable Interest.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving day and everybody is looking forward to at least a half holiday. We understand all the stores will close at noon or earlier, thus allowing all employes and others a chance to enjoy the afternoon in the best manner possible.

As announced in last week's NEWS, two baseball games have been arranged and will be pulled off during the afternoon on the diamond in the west end of town.

The first game to be played is between members of the local lodge of Odd Fellows and the local camp of Woodmen of the World. We present the line-up as follows:

Odd Fellows:	Woodmen:
Snellgrove	1st Vanlandingham
Justice	as Hendrix
Gustafsen	c Metzger
Thompson	p Harbin
Wilson	cf McCarty
Watkins	lf Edge
Booth	2nd Godfrey
Connor	3rd Paxton
Jeakim	rf Franklin

A glance at this array of athletes will convince anyone who knows the players that it will be an interesting contest. Pitcher Harbin says he has some curves up his sleeve that will make the Odd Fellows feel that they are in truth very odd and peculiar, while Thompson claims to have some chained lightning in his arm that he intends to turn loose for the benefit of the "wood choppers."

This game will be started at 1 o'clock so as to allow time for the game between the Fort Pierce and Jensen teams. The line-up for this game was published in last week's NEWS, and contains the best players from both towns. A good game is assured and it will probably be the last of the year. An admission of 25 cents will be charged, which includes both games.

The stores and business houses being closed for the afternoon, assures a good crowd to see the games.

Church Notices.

Sunday services in the Episcopal church.

Sunday school 10 a. m., W. T. Harbin Supt.

It is expected and desired that all the children and others will be present to practice their Christmas carols. Morning services by Mr. W. T. Harbin, lay-reader.

Services in the Jensen-Waveland Episcopal church Sunday November the 25 at 10:30 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. George Moore, D. D. Seats are free, everybody welcome.

Work on the new church at Stuart will begin this week. So far the contractor, Mr. Brewer, has been hindered on account of delay in getting cement.

Services in the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. Come and let us worship together. All are welcome.

The following is the order of worship for the Union Thanksgiving service in the Methodist church next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock:

- Voluntary by Choir.
- Song No. 188.
- Apostle's Creed in concert.
- Prayer, Rev. A. D. Penny.
- Lesson, Psalm 100.
- Gloria Patria.
- Lesson, Phil. 4:1-8.
- Announcements.
- Offerings.
- Reading President's Proclamation.
- Hymn No. 262.
- Sermon by Rev. Dr. Moore.
- Hymn No. 29.
- Prayer and Benediction.

Accident at Eldred.

A serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon at Eldred, the result of which two prominent men of that section are suffering. J. H. Jeakins and Edgar Lewis were engaged in putting a roof on the house of Hal S. Thomas, using a patent scaffold. The hooks slipped and both men fell violently to the ground, a distance of twenty-eight feet. Mr. Lewis' hip was bruised and injured, while Mr. Jeakins was injured internally.

Dr. W. E. Vanlandingham was summoned and he reports that both men are resting as easily as could be expected.

W. J. NESBITT—THE BIG STORE ON THE CORNER

At the corner of Palmetto avenue and Pine street—the principal corner in Fort Pierce—is located the dry goods and shoe store of W. J. Nesbitt. The foundation of this business was laid by Chas. D. Provost and J. D. Alford, who started business at the same stand carrying a full line of general merchandise. After some time Mr. Provost sold out to his partner and Mr. Alford continued the business.

John H. Wynn, the present county treasurer later purchased the business and ran it for two years.

About four years ago Mr. Nesbitt be-

came interested in the future of Fort Pierce and a trip here convinced him that it was a good business place.

Persuading Mr. Wynn to part with the store, he secured control and continued his store at Eau Gallie, for a year when he merged it with the new place in Fort Pierce. He continued the general lines until about a year and a half ago, when he realized the dry goods and shoe departments had grown to such proportions as to require his entire time and he closed out the groceries and other lines. Since that time he has concentrated his energy

and time to the enlarging these special lines, until now he enjoys an excellent trade extending many miles both ways from our town.

Mr. Nesbitt's stock consists of a full line of dry goods, shoes, crockery and bamboo furniture, and he makes a special effort every year in the holiday novelties. His floor space is about 50 by 100 feet on the first floor of the Masonic building. "The Big Store on the Corner" is known far beyond the limits of St. Lucie county. By the way he has a new ad. on page five of this issue.